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Here we are again with more information on the UFOs in the Grampians. 'They' are still creating a great deal of interest for visitors to the area, and also our intrepid UFO 'chasers', Paul Norman, Jacqui Purtell, and Jacqui's "dear mother." It is frustrating for them, because it takes considerable time for Jacqui to set up her tripod with her gear on it, and she has plenty of items to put together.

The UFOs seem to disappear and as soon as the trio starts to pack up to finish their night of watching, the UFOs show up again. That does not mean to say they are invisible during the early part of the night but that the activity might be somewhat less.

I have read the second part of Jacqui's article "The Evolution Of A Camera" and found it to be most interesting and entertaining. She has put her unique sense of humour and a considerable amount of time and expense, into her investigations and report, and it is an article well worth reading.

Be sure not to miss the interesting articles on the lives of: Betty Hill known for her abduction with her husband Barney; the very special psychiatrist Dr John Mack; and the famous NASA Astronaut Gordon Cooper. Each of their lives was affected by UFOs in a very tangible way.

Paul recently received a letter from Dr Richard Haines, who gave us a very nice compliment regarding our publication. He stated, "It is marvellous to see how dedicated you, Judy, Tony, and the others are in keeping the flame alive all these years in spite of mounting expenses, ridicule, travel distances, sceptical nonsense, etc." Thank you Richard, compliments are as scarce as 'hens teeth'.

On the 23rd of August, we received a number of phone calls late in the evening regarding orange lights in two triangular formations. Some who called, thought they may be a danger to passenger aircraft coming from interstate, and phoned our numbers to ascertain the probability or possibility of an air accident.

Fortunately we were able to calm their nerves and assure those who phoned that personnel at the airport would have the situation well in hand.

As there were no nominations for positions on the VUFORS Committee, the Committee will remain the same.

We take this opportunity of wishing our members and readers a Safe, Happy and Healthy Festive Season and a Great New Year.



ON THE UFO TRAIL

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Regretfully another pioneer of Ufology has passed away - Betty Hill. She, together with her husband Barney, had an experience on 19th September 1961 that made headlines throughout the world. Her story is one of only a few cases that I consider reliable. I had the pleasure of being invited to stay at Betty's home in 1986 and again in 1987. She was a widow at that time, as Barney died in 1969.

The reason I consider this case reliable, is because Peace Air Force Base in New Hampshire detected an unknown object on radar, on the same night, and in the same area where the abductions occurred. Some of Betty's best friends were stationed at the base, and Dr Benjamin Simon, the Air Force psychiatrist, had a hypnosis session with Betty.

Every Sunday morning, Betty had a breakfast in her home for her friends at the Base. After being ridiculed by sceptics, Betty considered her best relief and encouragement came when she was invited to give a lecture to the Air Force. When she drove up to the entrance gate, she saw that the arch over the gate displayed the message, "Peace Air Force Base Welcomes Betty Hill".

Betty always referred to the entities as aliens. She did not regard the encounter as benevolent, and said she would never want it to happen again. Betty and Barney were on their way home to Portsmouth, New Hampshire, after a Canadian vacation. The best and most detailed account of their encounter is in the book 'Interrupted Journey' by John Fuller.

Professor James McDonald, a scientist from the University of Arizona, was instrumental in getting the Radar information, covering the time of the incident, released from the Air Force.

I have interviewed a number of abductees, and have not found any who have felt good about their abduction experiences; in fact, two or three have been suicidal.

One case, which comes to mind, occurred in July 1972. I sat in the back seat of a car while an experiencer believed she was seeing an entity that a colleague and I could not see. She was shown the 'control room' of a UFO and the entity pointed to an object in the centre of the room. She was in a different reality. At no time did she leave the car.

I know of another case reported by a friend in California who, together with his wife, was with an experiencer who was seeing an entity that neither he nor his wife could see. The experiencer vectored the wife to the exact spot where the entity was located. While the wife could not see the entity, she experienced a tingling sensation like static when she reached this spot.

It has recently come to my attention that statements made by the now deceased Dr Karla Turner, have been confirmed by my experiences to date. Dr Turner, who worked with over 400 alien abduction cases, was an abductee herself.

Here are some of her findings:

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1. Aliens can alter our perception of our surroundings;
2. Aliens can control what we think and see;
3. They can appear to us in any number of guises and shapes;
4. Aliens can be present in an invisible state, and can make themselves partially visible.

If this were true, these ETs, UFOs, Entities or whatever, would be able to motivate some individuals to hijack an aircraft and fly it into a building, or cause any other form of destruction.

My major concern is - are we dealing with friend or foe? I continue to search for indications of benevolence. We have on record, fatal encounters of aircraft with UFOs, and hundreds of safety violations within the aviation industry alone, caused by UFOs. There is certainly nothing good about these cases.

Activity in the Grampians still continues, although not at the same rate as before the two jet aircraft overflight.

On October the 6th, Jacqueline Purtell and I arrived at Reids Lookout at twilight to set up the telescope and camera. During that time I was viewing both valleys with binoculars. After dark, Jacqueline was videoing some unidentified lights, which were not very active.

Just as the videotape ran out, three bright white lights, each about the size of a match head at arm's length, appeared suddenly in an equilateral triangular formation, apex upward, about the size of a fist at arm's length,

at an elevation of about 45 degrees, in the northern sky.

If these lights had already been there while Jacqueline was still videoing, I would have seen them, or if they had approached while glowing, I would have seen them. Whatever their activity was, they were operating in the dark without glowing. These lights could not have been over one kilometre away, but could have been as close as 300 metres away.

This possibly explains the incident previously published in our Bulletin, of two witnesses from the Moorabbin Aero Club, who were on Reids Lookout and saw a large white light fly across the valley, and curve under the overhanging cliff. Although they waited until the wee hours of the morning, they did not see it fly out. The previously luminous object might have done so, but was not glowing.

It would appear that UFOs sometimes operate without glowing, when relatively close, especially when their activities might be videoed, and that some are prepared to be seen when their activities cannot be recorded. Whether the UFOs are playing teasing games, or have security concerns, has yet to be determined.

When Steven Swanwick first discovered this activity, he and others reported seeing flying disks during daylight hours, but when Steven secured a video camera, the UFOs only appeared as lights at night. This change would never have been observed but for the persistence of interested researchers spending much time in freezing wind atop the lookout.

During the 1950's I often listened to a late night program on radio station WOR in New York City. Various callers spoke about their

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contact with aliens from other planets, and sounded very sincere. Retired Major Donald Keyhoe, Director of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP) also appeared on the program but only spoke about appearances of UFOs in which physical evidence was involved.

It was amazing, the number of listeners who believed the contactees; but then came the evidence revealed by space probes. There was nothing to substantiate the claims made, on the contrary, just the opposite was true, such as Venus being too hot for the conditions the contactees had reported. This led me to ask the question - who was the source of the misleading information, the contactees or the aliens? Consequently, I treated with caution,

stories told by contactees. If there was any truth to these encounters, it must have been the aliens who were misrepresenting the truth.

On 23rd August this year, at about 08:30 p.m., near the Tullamarine and Essendon Airports, a minor flap occurred while aircraft were taking off and landing. Six orange lights in two triangular formations were reported initially, followed by the disappearance of two, leaving four lights in a diamond shaped formation.

We sent out a number of Sighting Report Forms, but unfortunately, most of them were not returned. If those who received the forms had taken the time to fill them in and return them, we would have learned much more about the formations of orange lights.

Plasma Sheath Around Objects

UFO Potpourri - No. 453 August 2004

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The UFO Enigma - October 2004

For many years UFO researchers have been reporting what appears to be a plasma sheath surrounding Unconventional Flying Objects. They have suggested that the sheath serves to protect the craft from the surrounding environment, thereby allowing manoeuvres that would otherwise be impossible. In addition, the sheath seems to have provided a measure of invisibility, shielding the UFO from radar tracking systems.

Maybe these claims are not so far-fetched as some have imagined. The August 9, 2004 issue of Aviation Week & Space Technology magazine reports that "the French Defence

Ministry is working on developing active stealth technology based on plasma-field generation, applicable to combat aircraft and high-altitude cruise missiles." The article also claims that the U.S. and Russia are interested in plasma technology "as a means of achieving high Mach flight without having to cope with the normal aerothermodynamic issues."

The French work is in the initial technical feasibility stage for the generation of plasma to mask radio frequency (RF) energy bright spots. They have already built a functioning plasma antenna and are now working on the source itself.

The Evolution Of A Camera

By Jacqui Purtell

[Continued from September 2004 Bulletin.]

I must admit that not everyone shows me ridicule, some show what seems to be genuine interest. Just as well the weather was dry, or I'm sure a light show would have ensued, and I'm not thinking of UFOs, anomalous lights, or whatever. To have 240 volts and plenty of damp metallic bits and pieces all providing a nice conductive circuit, is a little dicey.

This might have truly given an expression of reality to the saying "to have stars in your eyes," or perhaps "a spring in your step". And to think of it, I vaguely remember dear mother calling out to me, "Jacqui do you know what you are doing?" and returning a not too confident affirmation.

Well it must be time for another revolutionary step. Being a practical sort of person, I rapidly latched onto the possibilities of expanding the adaptabilities of the inverter, this required the acquisition of a 12 volt car battery and hey presto, one more problem solved. Now I could move my set-up to a slightly more remote filming location ... at least 300 metres down the walking track, toward the panoramic site of the "Balconies."

Have you ever carried a car battery any distance on a warm summer afternoon? Well, that's certainly an experience, and one learns from experience, even if one has to try the experience a couple times just to see if the last time felt as bad as the first time, and it does! So what happens is further evolution.

I guess logic would dictate that I should utilise some form of compact transportation system, perhaps something with wheels, maybe a small wheel barrow, no that's no help, too large to fit inside the Honda, but what about a modified golf buggy, yes that's the answer. It's light in weight and folds down into a manageable size.

The problem of a heavy car battery needed a better resolution as well; otherwise the idea of that \$100,000 professional video camera might just be a little too entertaining. So the grey-matter had to be put to use again, and the possibility of actually buying a proper video camera started to look more attractive. Unfortunately such a proposition would mean a rather hefty slug to my bank account.

Even the lower priced items were expensive as a one item expenditure, but the advantage of power supplies, video monitors and recording facilities in one relatively small package was very enticing and it could double up for other video duties. So I set out to find a suitable camera. What I found was that none could match the performance of my cumbersome good old telescope and security camera - that was a surprise.

The lower end Sony digital camera (DCR-TRV22E) had only a 5 lux at F17 sensitivity and a 30 mm lens filter diameter; the specs sheet does not give a lens size. The more expensive DCR-TRV80E was actually worse at 7 lux, its lens filter diameter was 37 mm, only slightly larger but it did have a bigger CCD chip, better definition I guess, but I don't think that is such a problem with the telescope.

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Sensitivity or low light ability (low lux number) is required, and having a lens diameter of over 200 mm on the telescope means it is out of sight, so to speak, of the two cameras I was looking at. The idea of having a compact video monitor on the back of the telescope was certainly appealing, especially when my mother came to the rescue once again, and offered to help cover some of the cost of the video camera.

A Sony DCR-TRV80E was then duly purchased and pressed into service as a digital recorder and monitor only, with the security camera and telescope as the main optical receptor. The security camera is powered by its own separate 12 volt supply (two series connected 6 volt dolphin lantern batteries) taped to the leg of the tripod - heaps better than a heavy car battery.

So that is pretty much where the evolutionary state of my camera sits at the moment. I sup-

pose time will tell. My efforts to videotape those strange lights in The Grampians continue, and to date I'm still trying to get that shot which will be worthy of "smoking gun" status. I have seen wonders that have truly puzzled me and left me awe-struck.

I have seen things that are amazing, but happened so rapidly that getting a focused lock on the visual wonders has proven elusive. There is so much more there than just moving coloured lights. I have been in the Honda with a witness beside me, on the Wartook/Horsham road, when an intense beam of blue light has enveloped the car, and seconds later a ball of blue light appeared on the passenger side of the car and pulsed another beam through the window.

These things certainly do fit the category of UFO.

More Sightings Of 'Fireball'

Weekly News, Newbury, England - July 29, 2004

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Speculation continues over the strange night time sights in the skies over Hungerford after last week's report in the Newbury Weekly News about the mystery fireball.

At about 10:30 p.m. last Monday, several of the town's residents contacted the emergency services saying they thought they had seen a burning aircraft, but after a comprehensive,

search of the area around Hungerford and up to the M4, fire engines and a police helicopter were unable to find anything.

Since then, many people claim to have seen the same thing in the sky several weeks before. Possibilities for the object range from aircraft, illicit night time hot air balloons to meteorites and UFOs.

Snapshots From Betty Hill's Life

The well known UFO researcher and author, Betty Hill, died from lung cancer in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, on the 17th of October 2004. She was born in Newton, New Hampshire, on the 28th of June 1919. On the 19th of September 1961, she and her husband Barney were involved in one of the earliest, most highly publicised, and well documented cases of UFO abduction in the USA.

Paul Norman from VUFORS met with Betty, and was invited to stay at her Portsmouth, New Hampshire home, for a few days in 1981 and again in 1982. During these stays, he was able to confirm information in her book, "A Commonsense Approach To UFOs," especially her close association with officers from the Peace Air Force Base. Paul provided the following information about her life and research.

Betty and her husband Barney's experience was the first abduction case to receive a large quantity of publicity. John Fuller wrote a book about the case, "The Interrupted Journey," and since then several documentaries have been televised, and most people interested in the subject know about this case. Her experience motivated Betty's own research into the phenomenon.

Betty had been accused of seeing too many UFOs, but nobody to Paul's knowledge had spent more time looking for them, and she had only reported one abduction. Although she had had many dreams similar to what some individuals interpret as abductions. Much was learned from Betty, even psychologists had discussed the subject with her to gain knowledge in the field of hypnosis.

It was the radar located at Peace Air Force Base that detected an unknown flying object in the White Mountains of New Hampshire that same night in September 1961, when Betty and her late husband experienced their unusual incident. Also, at the request of the U.S. Air Force, psychiatrist Dr Benjamin Simon commenced sessions with the Hills at his office in Boston, Massachusetts.

During his two visits with Betty, Paul accompanied her to two of her sighting areas without success. The only lights seen were reflections of aircraft lights, but over the years, many including police and other law enforcement officers at all levels, as well as former CIA, FBI and Pentagon agents, had witnessed unexplainable lights and objects in these areas, and were eager to discuss UFOs.

A Sheriff and his wife were taking Betty to investigate a sighting when all three saw what they thought was a big trailer truck on an overpass. It appeared to be an eighteen-wheeler pulling a second trailer, which was illegal in New Hampshire. The Sheriff sped up, and when they got closer, all three saw the trailer truck go above the turnpike, but since no overpass existed, it had to be airborne!

On another night, while driving a UFO investigator, both saw a UFO come up behind her car, shoot ahead of the car, and then stop over a field. The UFO blinked its lights in a variety of patterns, and Betty responded with her car lights, duplicating the patterns. While the investigator became fearful, Betty laughed at his reaction, as she had previously experienced what she called "blinking sessions" with UFOs.

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Selected extracts from Filer's Files #48 - 2004 MUFON Skywatch Investigations
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California - Airline Pilot Sees UFO; New York - Manoeuvring Light; Maryland - Sphere Follows Jets; Virginia - Flying Triangle; Wisconsin - More UFO Encounters; Minnesota - Three Coloured Lights; Missouri - Flying Triangle; Texas - Triangle With Bright Lights; Montana - Unusual Lights on Disk; Arizona - Light; Canada - Object Shone About Us; Pakistan - Flying Triangles; Philippines - Saucer in the Sky.

California - Airline Pilot Sees UFO

San Francisco - An airline transport pilot with 14 years' experience in commercial aviation can't quite explain what he saw at 11:00 p.m., November 03, 2004. The jetliner P.A. was flying was making its approach into San Francisco. The jetliner was approaching the city from the east, passing just north of Stockton, when P.A. received instructions from the tower to descend from 35,000 to 24,000 feet (10,500 to 7,200 meters).

During the approach, he reported that, "an orange dot began to glow and seemed to flash higher up to the west of us. I thought that it was a planet. It then changed colour from orange to white. Again, I thought a planet could be illuminated through a local atmosphere that would explain the colour change.

"It then began to move in a northeasterly direction. Once again, being in an airplane, it

is very easy to think an object is moving, from small corrections the autopilot makes. I found a handful of stars to serve as a reference point and verified that the object was slowly moving north. It moved about 30 degrees and then stopped. Then, it made a slight tangent to the right and continued moving for about 20 more degrees.

"It stopped and turned again to the right and continued for 10 degrees, then stopped again and disappeared. The whole sighting ran about two minutes or so from start to finish. It was difficult to judge the actual distance and speed. When I talk about 'moving in degrees and turning,' I am talking about my (cockpit) viewpoint and compass degrees.

"The UFO's size was very small, about the size of the stars and planets you see in the sky. We had initially been at 35,000 feet (10,500 meters) but had descended to 24,000 feet (7,200 meters) when we saw the object. We were above the clouds with a clear view, and there was a crescent moon behind us.

"The weather in San Francisco was partly cloudy skies and light rain. There were two of us in the cockpit, and we both witnessed the same thing. We were both in awe. I have been flying for 14 years have never witnessed something like this before."

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New York - Manoeuvring Light

Syracuse - Between 09:00 and 10:00 p.m. on November 03, 2004, on a cloudless night, the witness happened to glance out her kitchen window facing north to look at what she thought might be planets or bright stars.

The witness states, "I then noticed a third light source which at first I thought to be just a normal airplane moving directly away from me as it did not seem to be moving much, but after a few seconds, it began to move in an erratic zigzag motion, i.e., up, down, left and right at varying angles."

It appeared to be covering large distances very quickly as it did this. This went on for at least 30 to 60 seconds before it left my field of view.

Thanks to Peter Davenport
Director www.nuforc.org.

Maryland - Sphere Follows Jets

Glen Burnie - At approximately 08:00 a.m. on November 08, 2004, the witness noticed two highflying jets travelling north leaving a contrail. He states, "Behind the two jets a ways back I saw a white/silver sphere following behind, that was about the size of a dime at arm's length.

"It followed along behind the jets for about 3 to 4 minutes, long enough for my school friends to see it too. Shortly after the sphere was lost to view a green helicopter, the same shape as the Maryland Police helicopter, but **not** a police helicopter, followed along the same path but much lower and much slower."

This was reported to me by my 12 year old son. I have transcribed it as told.

Thanks to Peter Davenport
Director www.nuforc.org.

Virginia - Flying Triangle

Charlottesville - At 05:48 a.m., on November 08, 2004, the observer was getting his car and happened to look up to see a shooting star. As he lingered to watch its tail die out a very, very, very large flying triangle shaped craft passed effortlessly directly over head without making a sound.

It appeared to be a string of triangle lights connected together at a perfect diagonal. Connected to the lights were long tubes at different lengths almost reminiscent of a revolver chamber on a pistol. I would surmise the object to be about the width of thirty commercial jet sized airplanes at an undetermined length.

It was hard to comprehend anything that size flying. It did not hover, it did not speed off, it simply floated effortlessly towards the east and disappeared. I have never seen anything remotely like this and cannot imagine anyone creating something that looked like this. I will never forget it as long as I live, and feel very fortunate to have seen it. I only hope others did as well.

Thanks to Peter Davenport
Director www.nuforc.org.

Wisconsin - More UFO Encounters

Frederic - Brian Vike reports, "On a recent evening Shawn's friend who was witness to a

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number of unusual happenings around this family's home came over for a visit and said you have to come outside and see what is happening in the sky! They all went outside and to the west of the home they could see something strange which had a red ball of light at the top and on the bottom.

"The body of the object was white, which extended out leaving the red balls of light sitting in the middle of whatever it was. Shawn's friend told him to look towards the back of the object and a bit in the distance. Looking through a good pair of binoculars Shawn saw a red coloured pyramid shaped object that seemed to be towing the pyramid behind it.

"As the objects moved towards the east they dropped down behind the tree tops and they all could hear what sounded like a jet aircraft for a brief period of time. Whatever these things were, both had been silent the whole time they were travelling across the sky."

Shawn's wife Robin said, "They have gone through the process of shock and being overwhelmed, to acceptance and they will never be able to understand what has been going on!" Robin said, "It is just really bizarre and that being a Christian lady, the unexplainable chain of events has really rocked her world; we don't know what is real any more!"

Shawn said that he asked a few people around the area if they have ever witnessed any strange lights? They said no and walked away but one did say he had seen some unusual lights, but he doesn't even bother looking up any more.

HBCC UFO Research Note: There is a lot more to this experience than I have written

here. So much in fact that a fellow investigator by the name of Sam Marino and colleagues (Illinois, MUFON) will be driving to the family's home and spending a couple of days with them to carry out interviews and an investigation. We all are hoping that they will be fortunate enough to get a glimpse of what the family is witnessing.

Thanks to Brian Vike,
Director HBCC UFO Research.

Minnesota - Three Coloured Lights

St. Peter - The observer was located in a river valley in Southern Minnesota when he saw two very bright lights above the far side of the valley on November 08, 2004, at 08:15 p.m. One light was slightly above the other. Then a third one appeared above and slightly to the left of the other two.

Then, the lowest one started to move to the left, and unfortunately it disappeared behind some trees. The witness lives on the top floor of a dorm so ran to get a better view, but the other two "twinkled" out. At that time, it reminded me of a video I have seen that was taken from above a town in New Mexico or Colorado that many people caught on tape.

The military said that they were very bright burning flares. I then saw three red lights that flew and slowly went together. The one red light flew for a few seconds and disappeared. This was typed about 20-30 minutes after the sighting.

Thanks to Peter Davenport
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Missouri - Flying Triangle

Kansas City - The witness was walking his dog on November 08, 2004, at 03:33 a.m., and even though he was located next to two busy highways everything was abnormally still. Highways 152 and 169 normally have a lot of activity and the all night car wash is generally busy.

He felt strange and continued to look around and towards the left he sensed a spatial disturbance. He was observing it when a craft 'uncloaked' and became visible. It was very low in relation to me and I was in a parking lot by the interstate highway in a three stories tall building.

It seemed so incredible I couldn't believe it and reconfirmed but it disappeared in the blink of an eye. Then it reappeared, re-cloaked, uncloaked then cloaked where I could approximate the trajectory but could not physically see it. It was so quiet I couldn't believe what I had seen. I have seen stealth aircraft three or four times. I have seen a few photos of 'flying triangles' and one video with some sound - this was neither.

He states, "It appeared very dark blackish or some deep reddish tone and I could identify a triangle shape and movement. The craft seemed like it was not in a power up mode and it had a faint slightly luminous perimeter and throughout the triangle body there was a non-random pattern."

The equilateral spacing, like dots on a triangle seemed odd but it was faint and it moved with no resistance that was apparent. There was no engine sound at all! He states, "I felt surreal,

like it was a symbiotic type ship-organism and I was being 'introduced' without a face to face meeting preparing me to accept this."

I think I might see them again and I do not know if they are harmless or harmful. I felt mentally racy but like the physical was in slow motion, excited/unsure, scared with the unfamiliarity but not threatened to run off - but I was not trying to signal this ship either. I felt like a dream state, somewhat disorienting, but I was calm.

It was like a time displacement effect - if they can exist. I have worked with MRI and resonance and know there are subtle shifts a body would feel and this ship had an effect just not sure what. When I could visually make out the ship then in a moment the faint light/luminosity would manifest. I'm still in awe!

Thanks to Peter Davenport
Director www.nuforc.org.

Texas - Triangle With Bright Lights

College Station - The observer reports, "I have been seeing various lights and objects during the past month and reported a sighting to you a week ago. On November 04, 2004, at 10:00 p.m., I was outside with my video camera looking for another object to film. I saw the usual yellowish orange ball to the east of me when I noticed a blinking light near it. It either came out of it or was circling checking it out.

It kind of darted back and forth then slowly headed my way. I filmed it as it passed over a little to the south of me and as it went by I

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could hear a faint roar like a jet. But the sound kept getting louder behind me. I turned around and about 350 feet above me was a huge craft several hundred feet across with two large lights in the back of it, heading in the direction of the orange ball.

At first I thought it was two fighter jets going to look at the ball but soon realised it was one vehicle, and it was moving way too slow for a jet. A jet would have fallen out of the sky moving that slowly. I jumped around to film it and got about 10 seconds of video before it went behind some trees, that is how low it was.

As I watched the video, all but around three seconds was jumping and shaking, but in slow motion there is definitely something there. However, no discernible shape is visible. But the lights I thought were flames were blinking. They stayed on but blinked intermittently through the white light.

It was strange and I showed the video to people at work and they had no answer either. I saw a show on the Phoenix Lights, and these are the same type of lights as the object that passed overhead.

Thanks to Peter Davenport
Director www.nuforc.org.

Montana - Unusual Lights on Disk

Lavina - The witness reports, "About 08:30 p.m., on November 07, 2004, I spotted a disk shaped object in the northeastern sky with many red lights that flash around the perimeter in a half arc. There appeared to be about six

or eight of them although they were difficult to count as they flashed in a random manner.

The object was about the size of my thumbnail at arm's length. If this object were at a great distance from where I was standing, that would cover a very large arc. The object appeared to be green, although there could be the flashing green lights, also. It had green highlights that came and went.

They, too, appeared to be random as to placement. It, also, showed a great deal of yellow although the red and greens kind of overpower the yellow that was concentrated at the middle of the object. The colours were distinct and bright. The object didn't move.

I was visiting a friend's house and called him out to view it. He saw the same thing and got his 7 X 50s binoculars and we saw it clearly. We watched a half hour when some cloud cover moved in. The second part of the evening we saw the Northern Lights, and they spanned from the western horizon in a complete arc around to the east.

I've seen the Northern Lights many times from here, but **never** in a 180 degree arc. And the odd part is that they appeared to start from the horizon and arc up to a single point almost overhead. We are located 8 miles east of Lavina, out in the hills. The following night the witness looked again and a similar star was there in the same place, but not as bright.

Tonight the Northern Lights have not been turned on at this time but the sky does have the chromatic effect and the colouring is there, merely not as pronounced, which must

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be why I have not noticed it before. I do watch the sky frequently. Be assured, if I see another 'flying star' I will contact you again.

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Arizona - Light

Tempe - On November 03, 2004, at 04:29 p.m., I used a Canon Power Shot A40 digital camera (1600x1200 resolution) to photograph a parked Union Pacific Railroad locomotive near the intersection of Kyrene Road and Southern Avenue.

The sky was clear and even though the Phoenix Sky Harbour Airport is nearby there were no commercial aircraft overhead when I took my photographs. An hour later I downloaded the 19 railroad images from the Microtech 16 megabyte "Digital Flash Film" card onto my HP Vectra VL420 DT computer.

While reviewing the photos I had just taken of the locomotive, I noticed that in the upper left corner of the 5th picture in the series, there were three evenly spaced white/light circular objects with a dark triangular object beneath them. It almost looks like the dark object is pursuing the three light objects.

I didn't notice the objects when I was taking the pictures and don't recall hearing any aircraft type sounds. The two locomotives on the parked train were shut down so there was no train related noise. Being an Air Force veteran I don't recognise the formation of the objects as being a type of military aircraft formation.

(NUFORC Note: The object appears to be three balloons, with a dark object suspended below it. PD)

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Canada - Object Shone About Us

Ile Bizard, QC - At midnight November 07, 2004, Sunday night, our telephone rang, and my 17 year old son answered. It was his sister on the phone telling him to "wake Mom, there is a magnificent aurora outside." He followed her request and immediately came to get me out of bed to come out to look with him.

Before I even opened the back door, it was obvious that there was something spectacular overhead, as I could see incredible distinct rays touching down on the horizon behind our home. I opened the door and we both observed that the rays were now all around us, 360°! "Wow!" He exclaimed. And as the verse resounded in my brain, the words spilled out of my mouth.

"And the glory of the lord shone 'round about them, and they were sore afraid." I recount the sighting that his father and I shared on that night in 1982 ... It's exactly the same! What we saw last night was a central swirling light emitting source - rays of light radiating from its periphery.

It had several central lights like those an airplane or boat would have, indicating port or starboard sides. There were six or seven such lights. In our initial sighting, these

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lights seemed to be hovering and moving in and out from this central port of swirling mist/cloud.

Last night, I was really spooked; as I was sure I knew this was the same thing, which we had observed so many years ago. We are sure this was a sort of mother ship, with several annex/scout type craft that seemed to be doing reconnaissance flights. The incredible lights, rays and swirling effects, we concluded, were perhaps a kind of cloaking ... radar block, I don't know.

My daughter's account will no doubt be more spectacular, as she was out in the woods, calling and communicating by cell phone with other friends in other regions whom she also alerted to the phenomenon.

My husband wakes every morning at 04:45 a.m., I got up with him, and the light rays were still prominent in the sky. This morning, I have spoken to a few people who have heard of or observed northern lights last night. Their sighting was much earlier, about 08:00 p.m., and in the area of the Laurentian Mountains, St. Sauver area.

Their party did dispute the idea that what they witnessed was not typical of any northern lights they had ever seen in their region before. This compares to a similar sighting in June 1982.

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Pakistan - Flying Triangles

Islamabad - On the evening of November 08, 2004 at 05:10 p.m., the witness, a 41 year

old mother of three, noticed three moving objects in the sky as she sat in her home. She quickly ran outside to her terrace and called to her children, a 15 year old and a 5 year old. Three objects were gliding towards the east and flew higher and higher.

She states, "I ran and got a digital camera, but for some reason could not see the objects through the lenses, but I finally got a photo of them with protrusions in a brownish colour." As they flew higher they formed an L shape formation and became round in shape. She says, "When I zoomed into the photo two objects were perfect flying triangles and one was egg shaped."

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Philippines - Saucer in the Sky

Mandaluyong - On November 2, 2004, at 10 p.m., my husband was the one who saw it first, we thought it was a plane but we could not hear any sound from it. We were trying to figure it out. At first it was steady then the thing just suddenly put its lights on.

The first light was like the headlight of a car, and then there were three red lights. Finally, the last one was a green light that blinked. Suddenly, it flew higher and looked like a saucer and it really moved so quickly, going up high in the sky.

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The Passing Of Dr John Mack

Dr John E. Mack, a Harvard Medical School professor of psychiatry, won the 1977 Pulitzer Prize for his biography of British officer T.E. Lawrence, "Lawrence of Arabia", with the title, "A Prince of Our Disorder". He also conducted research on people who claimed to have been abducted by aliens.

On Monday September 27, 2004, Dr Mack, 74, dined with friends and while returning on foot to the home at which he was staying in North London, was struck on a crosswalk at approximately 23:25, by a silver Peugeot 306 headed west on Totteridge Lane. He was pronounced dead at the scene by London police.

Mack's extensive research of about 200 men and women from around the world, who claimed to have had encounters with space aliens, found that they had a heightened sense of spirituality and environmentalism.

He wrote about his subjects' experiences in two books, 1994's "Abduction" and 1999's "Passport to the Cosmos: Human Transformation and Alien Encounters." His work was also the subject of the 2003 documentary film "Touched."

His efforts, which found that people claiming to be abducted came from all walks of life and generally had no evidence of mental illness, met with scepticism and criticism from some elements of the academic community.

In 1994, Harvard Medical School established a committee of peers to review his clinical care and clinical investigation of the people he interviewed in the course of his alien abduction research and initiated proceedings to determine whether he should retain tenure.

After fourteen months of inquiry, and amid growing questions from the academic community (including Harvard Professor of Law, Alan Dershowitz) regarding the validity of Harvard's investigation of a tenured professor, Harvard issued a statement that "reaffirmed Dr. Mack's academic freedom to study what he wishes and to state his opinions without impediment," concluding "Dr. Mack remains a member in good standing of the Harvard Faculty of Medicine."

"I am just so devastated by this news," said Roderick MacLeish, the attorney who represented Mack during the Harvard investigation. "This is a great loss. John was one of the kindest, most compassionate mental health clinicians I have ever met, and I have represented many psychiatrists."

Mack's early work focused on clinical explorations of dreams, nightmares and teen suicide, and how world perception affects relationships. He advocated a move away from materialism in Western culture, blaming it for the Cold War and global ecological problems.

"He was so caring to his patients, and I hope that is what he is remembered for, and not for being the guy who believed in people's stories of alien abductions," MacLeish said.

Mack was born in New York City on October 4, 1929. He earned an undergraduate degree from Oberlin College (Phi Beta Kappa) in 1951, and his medical degree from Harvard Medical School (Cum Laude) in 1955. He graduated from the Boston Psychoanalytic Society and Institute, and was Board certified in child and adult psychoanalysis. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1959 to 1961.

The Early Years

Compiled by Clive Yates

Selected reports from magazines published in the 1950s and 1960s

Cordoba, Argentina - July 30, 1960 *Flying Saucer Review* (Edited by Charles Bowen). At 04:30 p.m., Captain Hugo Francisco Luis Niotti, a graduate of the National School of Aeronautics at Cordoba, was driving in his car from Yacanto to Cordoba when, at a spot 70 km from Cordoba, he perceived an object at what he estimated to be about 100 metres from the ground. It was raining at the time - a very fine drizzle. The object was rotating on its axis and travelling slowly southwards. He was astonished by its shape and the total absence of any sound from it. There was nothing to indicate any motor or engine, any smoke or flame.

He got out his 35 mm camera and took a picture. Despite the fine rain, visibility was good. After he had watched the object moving slowly and silently along, it suddenly shot straight up and vanished among the clouds. The negative was analysed by Argentine Air Force photographic experts. They reported that they found no signs of trickery or tampering. The photo was published as an exclusive feature in No. 222 of *La Revista Nacional de Aeronautica*, the official publication of the Argentine Air Force.

Norwich, England - December 27, 1962 *Orbit* (Tyneside U.F.O. Society). Mr and Mrs M. A. Mann are convinced that they watched two flying saucers for about eight seconds when walking along Rye Avenue between 09:40 and 09:45 p.m. Mr Mann, whose hobby is theoretical astronomy, and who therefore watches the sky with interest, has twice before sighted mysterious objects. But last night left him in no doubt that he saw flying saucers. Mr Mann said, "They were objects giving off a diffused white light, with a light of greater intensity at the centre. They appeared at about 30 degrees above the horizon, moving from west to east, and disappeared after about eight seconds when they were lost in the city lights."

From underneath they appeared to both Mr and Mrs Mann as saucer-shaped. They did not know their size and therefore could not judge the height. They were absolutely silent. Mr Mann was able to rule out meteorites and such things. He remains mystified and asks, "Whoever heard of any natural phenomena in the sky flying along on parallel courses?"

Summerside, Canada - September 21, 1966 *The U.F.O. Investigator* (National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena). A round, shiny UFO that hovered close to the ground then shot straight up and disappeared at a tremendous speed was observed by eight members of the Royal Canadian Air Force in the Canadian province of Prince Edward Island. The RCAF members were refuelling an aircraft in the Prince County town of Summerside at about 06:30 a.m. and spotted the object in the east travelling at great speed. The UFO then abruptly came to a complete stop, descended straight towards the ground and hovered close to the land for about 20 minutes. It then shot straight up and disappeared very quickly.

Gordon Cooper Soared In Space

The pioneering NASA astronaut, Gordon Cooper, aged 77, died of natural causes at his home in Ventura, California, on Monday the 4th of October 2004. He was born on the 6th of March 1927 in Shawnee, Oklahoma, and retired from the Air Force and NASA in 1970.

Cooper's death left only three living Mercury astronauts: John Glenn, Scott Carpenter and Wally Schirra. These men were selected in the spring of 1959 as the inaugural class of astronauts, and became instant celebrities, having been chosen to win the space race against the Soviet Union.

On May 15th 1963, Cooper ascended in the "Faith 7" spacecraft on a 22 orbit Mercury mission, and during the 34 hours and 20 minutes, became the first astronaut to sleep in space.

August 21st 1965 saw the commencement of the 8 day, 120 orbit, Gemini 5 mission, with Cooper as command pilot, and copilot Charles Conrad. A number of new records were established during this mission including, space endurance, having travelled 3,312,993 miles in 190 hours and 56 minutes, while Cooper became the first man on a second orbital mission. Cooper also achieved the most man-hours in space, 225 hours and 15 minutes.

Gordon Cooper received a Bachelor of Science degree in Aeronautical Engineering from the Air Force Institute of Technology (AFIT) in 1956, and was the recipient of an Honorary Doctorate of Science degree from Oklahoma City University in 1967.

Cooper, an Air Force Colonel, received an Army commission after completing three years

of schooling at the University of Hawaii. He transferred his commission to the Air Force and was placed on active duty by that service in 1949, and was given flight training.

His next assignment was with the 86th Fighter Bomber Group in Munich, Germany, where he flew F-84s and F-86s for four years. While in Munich, he also attended the European Extension of the University of Maryland night school.

In his book, written with Bruce Henderson, Cooper tells how he saw his first UFO over Europe in 1951. An Air Force pilot in West Germany, Cooper and his squadron mates were scrambled in their F-86 Sabre jets to intercept what appeared to be several metallic silver saucer-shaped craft, but they couldn't get close enough to see more than that.

At the time, Cooper entertained the possibility that the craft might have been a new Soviet design, but "looking back," he suspected that "it was some kind of extraterrestrial vehicle."

Cooper returned to the United States and, after two years of study at AFIT, received his degree. He then reported to the Air Force Experimental Flight Test School at Edwards Air Force Base, California, and upon graduating in 1957, was assigned as an aeronautical engineer and test pilot in the Performance Engineering Branch of the Flight Test Division at Edwards.

So convinced was Cooper that UFOs deserve serious study that he testified before the United Nations in 1978 on the topic. His hope was that the U.N. would become a central repository for accounts of UFO sightings.

Women Spooked By UFOs

By Geraint Thomas

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They are out there - somewhere over Gower. It's a mystery that Mulder and Scully, of X-Files fame, may want to investigate - UFOs spotted in the Swansea sky.

They were seen by Christine Harvey, aged 56, from Nicholaston, and 32 year old Charlotte Williams, from Pennard, as they made their way to work last Friday evening.

The pair were pulling up to an address in Scurllage when they saw two triangular shapes in the night sky.

Christine said, "We were travelling up country lane when Charlotte said, 'What are those?' The other side of the hedge, on the right hand side of us, higher up the lane, were two white lights.

"There was no aura of light shining down, just two lights about the height of a bit higher than a telegraph pole.

"I drove up the lane, until we were in line with them, wound my window down and we were both perplexed as to what they were.

"They did not move and there was no sound. We were not frightened and must have stayed looking curiously at them for perhaps a minute or two.

"Quite bewildered about it all, we decided to get on with our work." After parking they saw the lights again.

"There, not very high above us and quite near in distance were two triangle shapes in lights. Six lights to each triangle, all white. It was awesome.

"I was the first to get out of the car. For what seemed a long time, probably minutes, they did not move. There was no sound. No drone of any plane or anything, just two triangles above us.

"Next thing they slowly moved to the right hand side of us. We could not believe it. The left hand one merged into the right hand one and as we watched, they just disappeared."

Now the two women are looking for someone to try to explain the mystery behind the lights.

"I have never been interested or believed in UFOs. Charlotte and I remain baffled by what we saw. Whatever answer someone can come up with, may explain a very awesome, baffling and after the event, a spooky experience," said Christine.

A police spokesman said: "We haven't received any reports of UFOs or other strange lights over Gower.

"To be honest, I can't remember ever hearing about UFOs being reported to the police."

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Toowoomba, Qld.

31st November 2004, 09:00 p.m.

It was hot inside the reporting observer's house, located on the west side of Toowoomba, so he went outside to cool off. When he looked toward the clear night sky, as he normally does when sitting outside, he noticed in the southeastern sky, at an elevation of between 20 and 25 degrees, two small white lights. He describes these lights as silent, and similar in size to mars on a good night.

His first thought was that these might be two aircraft flying side by side, but he could not see any navigation lights. Next, he thought that these might be satellites, tracking close together, but these lights were flying around each other in circles, much like two swallow birds playing together.

He considered calling his daughter to have a look at the activities of the lights with him, but thought better of it. The lights continued in the same region as first sighted for a short

while, and after about fifteen minutes, suddenly shot off at great speed. Within a moment, they were no longer visible.

While speaking with a friend, he was informed that a South Australia newspaper had published an article, which involved UFOs, the RAAF, and a sighting on this same night.

Morwell, Vic.

27th September 2004, 10:15 p.m.

The reporting observer, who had been an engineer in the air force, and his wife, noticed that there were several different clouds in the sky - to the north was a dark streaky cloud, which partly obscured a lower portion of the moon; to the northeast were very high clouds. There was also a clear area and then more dark clouds to the east.

They also noticed what appeared to be a misty or steam enclosed object that at arm's length appeared to be about 10 cm in diameter, much larger than the moon. The misty object was taking about 1.5 seconds to complete each cycle of, at arm's length, a 60 cm diameter clockwise circular movement.

Sometimes the object was obscured by dark cloud, and just before finally disappearing behind cloud cover, it appeared elliptical. The sighting lasted about 25 minutes.

Later the reporting observer's wife spoke with her brother and sister-in-law, who live in the area, and they said that they had also observed this strange misty object.

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Norlane, Vic.

27th September 2004, 09:00 p.m.

The observer reports that she went outside into her backyard because she thought that she could smell smoke. She looked northward into the mild clear night sky, to see if she could see any of the coloured star-like objects that she had seen on the previous Wednesday evening.

It was a calm, moonless Saturday night, at about 09:00 p.m., when she spotted one of these objects, which appeared to be just below the nearby power lines, and just above the large trees in the next side street around the corner from her home.

On this occasion, the star-like object was very faint, and zigzagged in the almost dark sky. As she continued looking, she noticed that there was a second much larger white star-like object that was flying gracefully beneath the first.

At this time, she noticed that the smaller object commenced hovering, apparently above the trees, and blinking between red and white lights. Shortly after, the larger white object flew eastward toward Corio Bay. She estimated that this activity occurred within a 15 minute time window, at an altitude of about 500 feet above the ground.

Northern Suburbs Of Melbourne, Vic.

26th September 2004, Evening

The reporting observer indicated that while outside at night on Sunday 26th September 2004, he observed an unusual orange light in the sky. He had also seen six similar lights on Tuesday 24th August, heading in a southerly

direction over the northern suburbs of Melbourne. The light over the northern suburbs on the 26th was also heading in a southerly direction, but on a slightly different trajectory.

While the reporting observer, who indicates that he is an aircraft pilot, realises that a UFO isn't necessarily an extraterrestrial craft, he couldn't find an explanation for this light. He sees many aircraft during the day and night, but nothing he can remember had such a bright light, exhaust or jet afterburner, except possibly an F111 dump and burn which this definitely was not.

Another thing that puzzled him was that on both occasions the lights were seen below the clouds. On the 26th the sky was quite clear except for a band of cloud that the light went under. On the 24th, there was a lot of stratus cloud so this was more obvious.

The observer was wondering if a reasonable explanation for these orange lights had become available, as his family had also witnessed the lights, and were curious about them. He states, "As you could imagine being the aviator, they turned to me for an explanation, one I couldn't provide!"

Norlane, Vic.

24th September 2004, 09:00 p.m.

It was twilight with fine weather, light cloud cover, and an almost full moon. The reporting observer was mowing her back lawn, to tidy up what her son had previously mown. He was playing hide and seek around their outside bungalow, thinking that she could not see him.

Suddenly, he grabbed her and asked if what he was seeing in the southern sky, were UFOs. She had to look quite hard to focus,

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as the lights were small and faint. Once she managed to focus on them, she replied indicating that she believed that they were, and asked him how many he could see. "Twelve" was his response, the same number that she was seeing.

The lights appeared between suspended electric power lines, just above the horizon. These lights were arranged in two groups of five white lights, at the vertices of two pentagons, and each pentagon had a faint yellow light immediately below it.

As they watched, the left group of white lights darted across to the group on the right, and after a short stay, returned to their base yellow light. Shortly after, the right group mirrored this activity. This darting back and forth between the base yellow lights continued for a short time and then all of the lights disappeared.

It was thought that this would be the end of the sighting, but to their surprise, shortly after at about 09:15 p.m., a single rotating object appeared, displaying lights that changed colour continuously from white to red and then to yellow. As they watched, the object drifted eastward and toward them, and this continued until they went indoors at 09:30 p.m.

At 10:15 p.m., she went back outside to see if there was any further unusual activity, but there was just a normal starry sky with a near full moon.

Cranbourne, Vic.

14th September 2004, 09:40 p.m.

The reporting observer was on her way home from Cranbourne, heading toward Clyde Rd.,

Clyde, at about 09:40 p.m., when she first noticed a silent bright flashing light, smaller than a five cent coin at arm's length, at an elevation of about 25 degrees, in the south-eastern sky. At that time, the sky was mainly clear with a small quantity of cloud cover.

She was unable to discern the shape of the flashing light but paid particular attention to the time of this event as it appeared strange to her, and she expected that it would be reported in the news media. She believes that the flashing light might have been appearing over or toward Bass Strait.

While trying to imagine what might be the source of the flashing light, she mentally eliminated a star, due to the intensity of the light together with the way that it flashed, and also eliminated a plane or helicopter because she saw a plane fly by the light and was able to compare the two. She also reported that the light appeared to change colour from red to blue and to white.

For a short time, the flashing light was lost from view, possibly due to the cloud cover, and then reappeared for a while, before finally being lost from view in the southeastern sky. Her report indicated that the light was seen by four observers.

Yarraville, Vic.

03rd September 2004, 06:30 p.m.

The observer reported seeing two bright white circular lights, each about the relative size of a small coin held at arm's length, high in the grey overcast northern sky, in the vicinity of Yarraville and the Geelong Road. The lights were silently dancing about each other.

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Initially, she thought that they might have been birds, but the considerable distance, together with the high level of brightness, precluded this bird hypothesis. The lights flew one above the other alternatively, while moving very rapidly westward, and after about two minutes, both disappeared.

Pascoe Vale, Vic.

31st July 2004, 11:40 p.m. - 11:50 p.m.

The reporting observer was a passenger in a car travelling north on Cumberland Road when she was surprised to see two unusual dull orange circular lights, each a little smaller than the full moon, at an elevation of about 75 degrees, in the northeastern sky. The weather was fine, there was no wind, the sky was clear, and the full moon had a large ring of light that appeared to be around it.

She drew the attention of the driver to the lights and he stopped the car to enable them to better view the strange lights. Her initial thought was that the lights might have been helicopters, but when the lights appeared to be in danger of colliding, the first one moved slowly into the large moon ring and then vanished, followed by the second, she felt that the lights were not likely to be helicopters.

Waverley, Vic.

28th November 2003, 10:30 a.m.

The observer reports that she did not provide details of this sighting earlier because she was ridiculed when she related the details to a 'friend'. Her initial impression was that she was watching what she thought were huge birds being followed by a sparrow, but she soon realised that this was not the case when she noticed that there were no wing move-

ments, except for the little black thing following the others, which appeared to be swaying.

She further reports that this sighting occurred on a Friday, toward the end of November 2003 at around 10:30 a.m., and that the cloudless sky was an absolutely stunning blue. She was driving on Ferntree Gully Road and had to stop at the Brandon Park Shopping Centre (Waverley) traffic lights, as she was about to turn right into the shopping centre.

When she looked up through her driver's door window, she saw three objects in formation gliding silently to the left in an upward stepping pattern. She immediately opened the window as she thought that she might have been observing a reflection, but the objects were still there, and they were being followed by something small and black.

The three objects appeared to be huge and saucer-shaped, and their colour was similar to that of the moon when seen in daylight. They were being followed by something relatively small, black, and with what appeared to be spikes (possibly a stealth fighter).

The objects eventually moved behind a huge flagpole at the shopping centre, and did not re-emerge. She reports that her sighting lasted for approximately 30 to 45 seconds, and feels that others must have seen these objects while travelling along Springvale Road, through the suburb of Waverley, toward the suburbs of Springvale and Clayton.

The observer reported the appearance in the northern sky, of six small, bright, orange lights, that were fairly close together. These lights drifted silently toward the south where they were lost from sight.

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Tasmanian Unidentified Flying Object Investigation Centre

P.O. Box 174, South Hobart, Tasmania 7004, Australia

2004. January 23. 02.30 a.m. Near Forth.

The witness lives on a rural property inland from Forth on the North West Coast.

The witness says that at about 02.30 a.m. he went out onto the back porch of his house to have a look at the stars in the clear night sky. He noticed that the ducks from a nearby pond had burst into life with loud quacks and squawks. This noise is not uncommon but almost at once the witnesses noticed there was something through the trees towards the south.

He saw a large bright, eye-shaped object, slowly travelling westwards at a crawling speed, as if it was 'scanning' the countryside. He estimated it was about 100 metres off the ground and about 300 metres distant. It was roughly the size of a half-moon and had a very bright white colour. Its outline shimmered, as it moved silently over the paddock.

The object moved in a straight line passing behind some trees, all the while the witness felt uneasy as if being watched. After 15 to 30 seconds viewing, the witness retreated indoors. He did not look out again that night so is not aware of what became of the UFO.

1990. About 05:00 p.m. Black Hills.

The two witnesses were in the garden of their Black Hills home, an elevated area with beautiful views out over the Derwent Valley. Mr S was looking at the view to the west and was surprised to see several circles of light seemingly a short distance away and not very high in the clear sky. He pointed out the aerial display to his wife. They both stood and watched the static display in the sky.

There were two circles of blue to white light, which seemed to have tubes of light spread out around each circle. The light mass was stationary and silent. However, a light beam suddenly appeared from the centre of the light mass and spread down towards the ground below. Mr S felt uneasy at this point feeling the beam had an aura of menace about it.

Both he and his wife retreated indoors and did not look outside for some time. Finally Mr S ventured out but was unable to locate the blue to white light mass anywhere in the sky, or for that matter, anything to account for what they had seen. Although not many UFO cases occurred in 1990 it is interesting to note that one report came from nearby Magra in February.

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18/09/04 Gold Coast, Wednesday 06:50 p.m.

A man and his wife, observed two rectangular objects moving in the southern sky. He was on his property about nine kilometres south-east of Nanango when he saw the objects, which he first thought to be flying crosses, until he could see sides to the objects as well creating a rectangular shape around the crosses. There were also coloured lights around the perimeter of the objects, which appeared to be a couple of hundred nautical miles apart.

They travelled very quickly to one spot in the sky, stayed stationary then proceeded to move in circles, then took off. He thought the objects were 30 to 50 nautical miles away from him and they were each half the width of his wife's palm at arm's length. They also had dogs on the property that were spooked and still barking 30 minutes later. The dogs were specially trained dogs and this behaviour was unlike them.

The woman described the objects as making a whooshing noise. The couple were both "freaked out" by what they saw and described themselves as "level headed people who would be the last to report seeing UFOs".

26/08/04 Stretton, Thursday Evening

A woman reported seeing three triangular formations stationary in the sky in the distance, which she thought were not stars. She

could also see three bright stars moving in close proximity in the shape of a triangle. They were moving from the southern horizon. On the same night her father observed seven lights moving randomly in the sky.

22/08/04, Peregrine Beach, Sunday 05:40 p.m.

A very bright quick moving light that appeared in the northeast, travelling east, moved across a portion of the sky, disappeared and then reappeared in a new position of the sky, and then nothing.

19/08/04 33 km from Kempsey, NSW, Thursday Evening

A man reported seeing a red football-shaped object above trees on his property. He claimed that six nights out of seven he sees UFOs. He is a diabetic so he doesn't drink or smoke and said he isn't imagining what he sees.

13/08/04 East Maitland, Lower Hunter Valley, NSW, Friday 07:10 p.m.

I was driving up a suburban road at 07:10 p.m. on the 13/08/2004 on my way to work when an extremely large bright orange object appeared in the sky at what I'd estimate to be around 500 metres above me. I was in the process of saying to my brother 'hey look, a

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shooting star', however I cut myself short when the object slowed up to almost a complete halt over houses no more than 300 metres up the road.

Then in an instant, a literal blink of the eye, it vanished right in front of me. Now I have seen shooting stars and I've seen planes in the sky at night, and there is no way on earth this was anything like that.

Now this is where it gets even more interesting and this next part convinced me it was a UFO. I reached the car park at my work, which is only a further 200 metres from the group of houses where I saw the object vanish above. I got out of my car and headed for the rear entry to my work and as I glanced up at the sky, to my shock, the exact same object was moving through the sky above. This time I was stationary and got a really good look.

It was low enough that I could see the huge fire trail that the object was emitting out the rear. It was going at the same kind of speed it was going when I first saw it five minutes earlier. Then again, as per the first sighting, it slowed to an almost complete halt over a retirement village across the road, and then in a flash it disappeared right in front of me.

Now not even my family will believe me, and whilst I'm sure friends will enjoy the story, I know they won't believe me. However I swear I've not seen anything like it in my whole life and every detail I've said is the truth. My amazement at what I saw made me search for any recent sightings in my area that people may have reported. This lead me

to your web site and I read one of the reports that sounded very similar to my own. Hope this is interesting to you cause its something I won't ever forget.

10/08/04 Canberra, ACT, Tuesday 10:50 p.m.

I would like to advise that both my father-in-law and I witnessed a fast-moving orange light last night. It appeared to be travelling SW to NE. There were no strobe lights, as you would expect to see with an aircraft. About one minute before it went out of view we noticed an aircraft that appeared to be banking towards Canberra Airport, and which seemed to be, at one point, quite close to the moving orange light. The banking of the aircraft appeared to sharpen at that point, however the orange light did not deviate from its path, before it disappeared out of view in the distance.

It is definitely a mystery to my father-in-law and me. I have attempted to find other reports of this event but have found nothing (Editors note: UFORNSW has been following this sighting up.).

07/08/04 Wattle Grove, NSW, Saturday 12:00 Midnight

I know no one will believe me but I noticed your site had a 'report a sighting' so I thought I'd give it a go.

On Saturday (07/08/04) close to midnight, I went into our back yard to take the rubbish out and I looked up at the sky, where I noticed three orange/red lights hovering about.

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They stood out from the rest of the stars because of their unusual colour and also they were moving about, but in an unsure or dithering manner, as there didn't seem to be any particular path they were following. They were also bigger than the stars. I went inside the house to get the video camera but, of course, I hadn't had the camera recharged and had no tape space left.

When I returned outside, they were gone, but when I went back out again about 10 to 20 minutes later, they were back, coming in from the same direction and just slowly moving about.

I know it couldn't have been a plane because at that time, no planes are allowed to fly. Also, I wondered whether it was the work of the army, as their base is near us. I described what I saw to my husband (who's in the army) and after hearing me out, he said that it does not sound like army work.

06/08/04 Archerfield Airfield, Brisbane, Friday Evening

A man was walking home from the shop when he observed a big intensely blue disc flying east to west. It was moving same height as an aircraft and coming in as though it was going to land but went straight on moving very fast before disappearing behind a WW2 igloo near the field. The object looked flat and round and made no noise.

This man had another sighting while he was in the army in Victoria. He was coming back from a dance travelling 50 mph and saw that

a light seemed to be staying in the mid left hand side of his windscreen. Fifteen minutes later it was still there. It had the intensity of a train headlight and as he was driving on the right of a train line this is what he thought it was. He eventually crossed a level crossing but noticed the light was still there. He could not find anything that might be reflecting the light on his windscreen at any stage.

05/08/04 Gold Coast Highway (near Dreamworld), Thursday 11:00 p.m.

A man was driving north while observing two bright orange objects in the sky slowly heading towards the east. He estimated one or two kilometres between them as they moved with one lower than the other. He pulled over to the side of the road and watched the lights for 15 minutes. They were the size of a five cent piece at arm's length.

04/08/04, Armadale, WA, Wednesday 08:00 p.m.

On Wednesday 4th of July at around 8 o'clock at night to quarter past 8, on my way back from a deli in Seventh road Armadale, Perth, I notice two bright yellow-orange objects following each other move across the sky from a north to west direction. I was in the west direction, heading back home on foot. The two objects appeared to be heading over Armadale, but between Armadale and the Darling Ranges.

I watched them move silently across the sky till they looked like they were almost directly over part of Armadale, and then they veered

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and started heading east, as if using the Darling Ranges as a guide. The objects were close by each other, following each other, and made no sound. I ran inside to get my binoculars, but even through them I could not distinguish their true shape through the bright yellow-orange light that it gave off.

One of them appeared to have something fall from the bottom of it, like ash or something, and then one blinked off like it disappeared. The remaining object then looked like it was stationary, but I ended up ruling that out, as it was getting smaller. I then knew it was getting further away and it was looking like it was just a star. At 08:15 p.m. I decided to go inside, but came out a bit later to see if I could see it again, but it was gone.

31/07/04 Norman Park, Saturday 09:30 p.m. - 12:00 Mid- night

A man observed 10 objects in the southern sky. The majority were white and changed colours to red, blue and silver. With the naked eye he initially thought they were parachutists. While he was watching they formed into a semi-circle with two on the bottom like a mushroom.

26/07/04 Tweed Heads, NSW, Monday 09:00 p.m.

I saw a strange thing in the sky last night, and was wondering if anyone else had reported it. I'm quite sure it was not a plane or a helicopter. My husband, daughter and myself were travelling south on the highway, south of Tweed Heads; I think a kilometre or two north of where the new and old highways meet. It was probably around 09:00 p.m.

I was a passenger in the front seat and saw this 'thing' to my left with two very bright white lights on the front. It was quite low and was travelling alongside us. Then I couldn't see it and my daughter, who was in the back said that it was following behind us. I turned and saw it was really close to us, then it rose up and we saw that it had very bright white lights underneath it.

It seemed to hover there for a short time, then the next thing we knew it appeared to be back up north a few kilometres, hovering higher up in the sky and above houses. We continued south and didn't see it again. It was a very strange experience and I am quite sure that this 'thing' didn't make any noise. My 12 year-old daughter and I saw the exact same 'thing' at the same time so we know we weren't imagining it (Editor's note: UFORNSW has contacted this witness for further information.).

03/07/04 Buranda, Saturday 07:45 p.m.

I have had a moderate amount of training on aircraft and can recognise most types at a glance, including military aircraft.

At approximately 1945 hours, I was waiting at a red light near the PA hospital in Buranda, Brisbane. I saw three red lights (not like a/c lights but more like the glow from a hot turbo in a turbo prop at night), on one aircraft. I originally thought it was a chopper landing at the PA Hospital, as I saw it start a circuit near the hospital then realised it was completely black except for these three red areas.

It continued on a tight circuit fairly quickly, and then did another. At this point the traffic

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light changed and I drove straight across to the second story of the car park at Buranda shopping centre and got out of the car. I was possibly 300 metres maximum, away, and I am sure the object was below 500 feet.

At this point I realised that the object was not making any noise. Not even airflow noise. Considering the clarity of sound travel on dry cold air I should have heard something from its movement. It was actually fairly small, about the size of a large car, as I had the size of the hospital to compare it to once I had estimated its range.

It continued to loiter in the area for approximately 30 seconds. I started thinking it was possibly a remote controlled model plane and started looking for people controlling it, when it moved off towards the southwest at fast speed. It yawed slightly so I was able to make out that it was a blunt delta shape but unable to place where the three red areas were located upon it, as they seemed to be non-fixed points.

It was very hard to observe due to its being so dark, not pitch black but completely matching the night sky behind it. It took approximately 15 seconds to make the horizon, and only one red area was visible, which appeared like a jet engine exhaust nozzle opening up, but again no sound was heard.

As I was elevated at the time on the second level of the car park, I would estimate the horizon at a minimum of 15 kilometres, which estimates to a speed of a kilometre a second or 3600 kilometres an hour. This is from an aircraft at low altitude and an almost idling start. There is nothing to match this performance that I know of. I do not believe

it was an extraterrestrial craft but I am unsure as to what it could be.

14/06/04 Inala, Monday 06:30 - 07:00 p.m.

A woman observed very bright lights "gliding easily in the sky" about the same height as a jet. They were yellow in colour and just a bit bigger than the size of a star. They appeared to come from nowhere then they suddenly disappeared. Her husband flies aircraft and she observed these objects had no strobe lights on them like normal aircraft.

13/06/04 Crestmead, Sunday 07:00 p.m.

Last night, June 13 2004 at around 07:00 p.m., I noticed a large orange ball of fire rising in the sky, directly above a streetlight. It appeared to be around one street away. I walked to the back door to get a closer look and the object rose steadily. As I walked out of the back door it disappeared without a trace. There were no sounds at all. My wife also witnessed it.

I witnessed a similar sighting about 17 years ago when I was about 14. This time it was at Archerfield and was much closer, only around 25 metres above me. Both times the light has appeared from nowhere, has been silent and disappeared instantly. That time my parents were with me along with many people at the speedway.

The racing was stopped for a little while and we were told it had been an F111 flyover. However, there had been no notification of a flyover before the event and the racing didn't stop until after the object appeared. I have

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seen many F111 flyovers since then and none have been similar.

13/06/04 Kalbar, Sunday 07:00 p.m.

Two nurses were out walking in the evening around 07:00 p.m. and saw a "massive" bright orange ball, approximately four to five times bigger than Venus, coming towards them at a speed that appeared "faster than a jet". They observed it for three to five minutes, and as it got closer, its light faded out but they could still see its silhouette. They could hear no sound made by the object at any time. They both commented that they were "level headed women who do not scare easily" but both felt scared after the incident.

31/05/04 Victoria Point, Monday 06:55 p.m.

Three witnesses observed an object with two tails of equal length over the water in the eastern sky. It was yellow-orange in colour, made no sound and moved very fast. It was travelling higher than a normal aircraft and crossed the sky in 5 seconds.

21/05/04 Wamuran, Friday 09:00 p.m.

My wife and I have recently arrived in Australia. At about 09:00 p.m. or maybe a bit later, we were returning from McLintock road in Wamuran and turned onto Green lane. It is very quiet at that time of night (and during the day too). At the crossroad with Green Lane and Franks Lane we noticed a bank of three lights that were horizontal.

We thought it might be a plane but it seemed a bit low on the horizon and wasn't moving.

We were intrigued so we parked the car and watched it. It seemed to disappear and then reappear while it seemed to be descending. We looked at each other, and then before we got back into the car a bright red light appeared that was maybe a third of the size of the moon.

It was moving across the sky at a constant speed from right to left, and then it changed direction very smoothly and was heading towards the Glass House Mountains. We watched it for a couple of minutes in absolute awe. It was very bright and didn't look artificial to be honest. Then we heard loud noises, almost like small explosion in the earth, then we heard some kind of screaming like children, and then the dogs in the area started to bark.

We got scared and got back into the car. I instinctively looked in my mirror when setting off and I noticed a bright white light behind me in the shape of a ball. I half expected it to be a car but no car came past. My wife was terrified so we left straight away, driving along Franks lane towards highway 85. Neither of us has ever experienced anything like that. We are from England and we will definitely be paying more attention to your web site and these sightings in general.

16/05/04 Forest Lake, Sunday 07:34 p.m.

A woman observed a ball of fire travelling from Brisbane city over Forest Lake and to the west. It was about the size of a streetlight and made no noise. It was travelling at a constant speed and direction and appeared to have something burning falling from it.

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China has started developing its first unmanned lunar exploration craft in a bid to orbit the moon before 2007, state media said yesterday. Work on the craft, named Chang'e 1, after a moon traveller of ancient legend, is going smoothly, making members of the moon program confident the launch will go ahead as planned, Xinhua news agency reported, quoting Ouyang Ziyuan, chief scientist on the US\$170,000,000 program.

Landing an unmanned spacecraft on the moon will require more preparation and is not expected until 2010. China gained valuable expertise and experience from its first manned space flight in October last year, when astronaut Yang Liwei orbited the Earth 14 times. The feat made China only the third country, after the United States and the former Soviet Union, to send a man into space.
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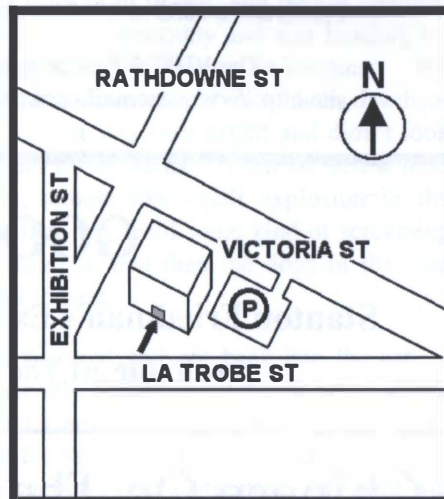
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At this point, perhaps it may be opportune to present a brief history of the "Victorian U.F.O. Research Society".

The earliest U.F.O. group to form in Australia was the "Australian Flying Saucer Bureau" under the direction of Edgar Jarrold and Andrew Tomas, in the early 1950s. About the same time, Fred Stone inaugurated the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" in Adelaide. After approximately two years the Bureau closed down and was regarded as a branch of the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" under Andrew Tomas. This shortly broke from Adelaide and became the "Australian U.F.O. Investigation Centre" with Dr. Clifford at its head until 1958, when the Presidency passed to Dr. Lindtner.

The "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society (Victorian Branch)" was formed on the 17th February, 1957 as a branch of the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" was formed and later that year was re-organised as the "Victorian Flying Saucer Research Society" with Mr. Peter E. Norris L.L.B. as President. In 1968 the name was again altered - this time to the "Victorian U.F.O. Research Society".

It was during this time the Society published various papers and is probably best known for its publication "Australian Flying Saucer Review", curtailed in 1972 due to high costs and subsequently superseded by the "The Australian U.F.O. Bulletin". At one stage, V.U.F.O.R.S. sponsored and produced a quarter-hour program on a Melbourne radio station, under the heading of "The Truth Behind Flying Saucers".

In 1978, following the resignation of Mr. Peter Norris the current executive, Mrs. Judith Magee, Messrs. Paul Norman and Clive Yates, was placed in control, ensuring the continuing prosperity of V.U.F.O.R.S. The Society has held a dispassionate attitude on U.F.O.s, claiming it is a scientific problem deserving closer attention. It has also met regularly in general meetings and discussion nights and maintained the largest U.F.O. library in the southern hemisphere. Unfortunately, the loss of books, probably due to the high cost of postage, has forced V.U.F.O.R.S. to discontinue this service to members.

V.U.F.O.R.S. still holds quarterly meetings commencing in March, at the Royal Society building in Melbourne, and membership of our Society is open to all who are genuinely interested in the UFO subject. (See opposite page for details).

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